

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Bryon Black, County Attorney; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

**Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

Good Evening and welcome to the virtual meeting of the Frederick County Council. Today is Tuesday, October 6, 2020, and it is a legislative day for the County Council.

The Frederick County Council is continuing to conduct our meetings on-line during this time and it seems this may be the way we will be holding our meetings for the foreseeable future due to concerns about the spread of the COVID virus.

Our meetings are televised on Frederick County Government Channel 19, on Frederick County Government's website: [www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.Gov/FCGTV), and while we are meeting virtually, we will continue to use our software program which allows the public to watch and participate in our meetings. Please go to [www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/councilmeetings) in order to watch us on that format.

You may still send us comments via email at: ([Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:Councilmembers@frederickcountymd.gov)), or by calling our office line (301) 600-1135 and leaving a voicemail message. Or using our virtual format, you may call toll free 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 8365 to listen to our meetings live and to give public comment. I will be giving instructions for how to give public comment before each portion of our meeting when public comment will be received. As always, all comments received will be reflected in the minutes.

As a reminder during these virtual meetings, I will periodically stop to allow the members to ask any questions in a round robin type fashion, calling the council members by name to make sure the public is aware of which member has the floor.

As a continued caution to our Council Members – Please be respectful of each other's time and wait to be recognized before you begin to speak. Remember the microphone issue and please limit your questions to one at a time. I will come back around as often as necessary until all questions are heard.

To begin our meeting, I will start with a roll call vote to determine a quorum. Just

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respond with “here”. Again, going in alphabetical order: CM Blue, Dacey, Donald, Fitzwater, Hagen, and McKay. A quorum having been established, we will begin our meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Business Items:**

**Budget Adjustments**

J-21-064 – Housing and Community Development, Citizens Services Division  
J-21-068 – Emergency Preparedness, Emergency Management Division  
J-21-072 – Parks and Recreation Division  
J-21-078 – Office of Sustainability and Environmental Resources, County Executive's Office  
J-21-079 – Sheriff's Office

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-064, J-21-068, J-21-072, J-21-078, and J-21-079 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		

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District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Approval of Minutes from September 8, September 10, and September 15, 2020.**

*Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the minutes from September 8, September 10, and September 15, 2020 as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Boards and Commissions**

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

**Affordable Housing Council**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Kimberly Ashkenazi, Linda Duckett, Malcolm Furgol, Hugh Gordon and Mark Long to the Affordable Housing Council to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

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Commission for Women

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Lindsay Mickey to the Commission for Women to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Historic Preservation Commission

*Council Member Kai Hagen moved to approve Gary Baker to the Historic Preservation Commission to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Veterans Advisory Council

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Col. Fred Schumacher, USA Retired, and Fred Wood to the Veterans Advisory Council to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		

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At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
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**Workforce Development Board**

*Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve Dwayne Myers and Susan Pacific to the Workforce Development Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Hearing on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment Resolution- Office Building Recycling**

Phil Harris, Director and Stephanie Peters, Assistant Department Head, Division of Solid Waste & Recycling, presented information to the Council for the Public Hearing on the Solid Waste Plan Amendment Resolution – Office Building Recycling.

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Solid Waste Plan Amendment Resolution Office Building Recycling with attached Amendment to the 2018-2037 Frederick County Solid Waste Management Plan as presented. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		

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Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		
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**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council